

## **DEMOGRAPHICS**

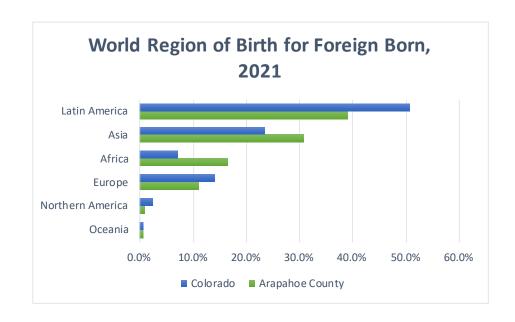
# **SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS**

#### **Nativity and Foreign Born**

Eighty-four percent of the people living in Arapahoe County in 2021 were native residents of the United States. In Colorado, 90 percent of the people were native residents. Forty-seven percent of these Arapahoe County residents were living in the state in which they were born.

Sixteen percent of the people living in Arapahoe County in 2021 were foreign born. Of the foreign-born population, 51 percent were naturalized U.S. citizens, and 63 percent entered the country before the year 2010.

Foreign-born residents of Arapahoe County came from many different parts of the world. Compared to the state of Colorado, the County had twice as many foreign-born residents who came from Africa, seven percentage points more from Asia, and substantially fewer from Latin America.



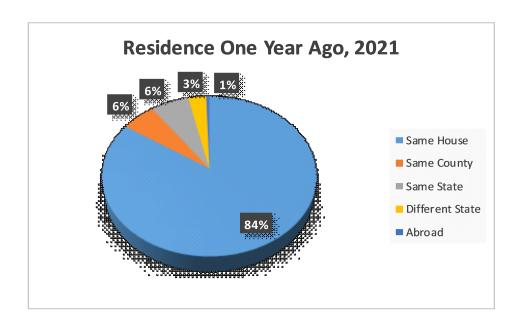
Note: The data presented in this update is from the Census Bureau's 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-Year Estimates.

#### **Geographic Mobility**

In 2021, 84 percent of the people, at least one year old, living in Arapahoe County were living in the same residence one year earlier. The percentages for each category are very similar to the Colorado figures and to the 2010 American Community Survey.

#### Language

Among people at least five years old living in Arapahoe County in 2021, 23.3 percent spoke a language other than English at home, which is seven percentage points higher than the State figure. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 51 percent spoke Spanish and 46 percent spoke some other language; 40 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."



#### **Education**

In 2019, 92.5 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 43.8 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Seven percent were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school, which is less than 11 percent in 2005.

The County's figures were very similar to those for Colorado. The percentages of high school graduates and college graduates put Arapahoe County in the middle of the 12 largest counties in Colorado. Douglas County had the highest percentage of high school graduates at 98 percent, while Boulder County had the highest percentage of college graduates at 63 percent.

The total school enrollment in Arapahoe County was 157,000 in 2021. Nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 16,400 and elementary to high school enrollment was 104,400 children. College or graduate school enrollment was 36,100. Since 2016, total school enrollment has declined by 3,200, when nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 18,900, elementary to high school enrollment was 103,200, and college or graduate school enrollment was 38,100.

### **Disability**

In Arapahoe County, among the civilian non-institutionalized population in 2021, 10.7 percent reported a disability. The likelihood of having a disability varied by age - from 4.5 percent of people under 18 years old, to 9.0 percent of people 18 to 64 years old, and to 29.0 percent of those 65 and over. These figures were statistically the same in 2016. The 2021 estimates for the United States and Colorado were 13.0 and 11.2 percent, respectively.

Geography	Percent high school graduate or higher	Percent bachelor's degree or higher
Colorado	92.4%	44.4%
Adams	84.0%	28.6%
Arapahoe	91.7%	46.1%
Boulder	95.1%	62.5%
Broomfield	95.4%	58.9%
Denver	90.9%	55.0%
Douglas	97.8%	58.4%
El Paso	94.3%	41.7%
Jefferson	95.1%	49.3%
Larimer	96.1%	51.7%
Mesa	92.5%	31.2%
Pueblo	89.6%	26.6%
Weld	88.5%	31.7%